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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gutierrez DATE TYPED 3/18/05 HM 68

SHORT TITLE Create Veterans' Oversight Committee SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			\$0.1 See Narrative	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 68 requests that the Legislative Council create an interim Veterans' Affairs Oversight Committee to work with the Veterans' Services Department, the Department of Military Affairs and related agencies to review the functions of state agencies and tribal entities to determine if the needs of veterans are being adequately met by federal, state and tribal governments, how these services may be better coordinated and make recommendations for legislative initiatives to address these and other findings of the committee by November 30, 2005, to assist the Veterans' Department in formulating legislative proposals necessary to implement its recommendations. Copies of this memorial are to be transmitted to the Secretary of Veterans Services, the Adjutant General of Military Affairs and the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council.

Significant Issues

Information provided in the memorial notes that:

- Approximately two hundred thousand veterans of the U.S. armed forces and the New Mexico National Guard who reside in the state;
- Veterans affairs is a key policy issue for the Legislature, and
- The Legislature recognizes a responsibility to coordinate legislative initiatives related to veterans.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HM 68 do not contain an appropriation. However, some costs, as yet undetermined, will be incurred by the agencies requested to conduct the study.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The agencies that conduct the study will be affected because they will have to provide staff to conduct the activity. The Legislative Council, or some other legislative entity, will incur cost for mileage and per diem for legislators appointed to the proposed committee.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

The activities\proposed by this memorial will not be carried out.

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